GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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HARDSHIPS TO JOB SEEKERS ABROAD
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the recent order of the Ministry it is obligatory for a person going abroad on job visa to submit original power of attorney, demand letter and specimen employment contract at the time of seeking Emigration Check Not Required (ECNR) clearance;

(b) if so, whether such restriction is causing hardships to individual and small groups of job seekers;

(c) if so, whether the Government has received any memorandum seeking exemption therefrom the said job seekers; and

(d) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI SAHIB SINGH VERMA)

(a): It is not obligatory for individuals with valid employment visas to furnish power of attorney, demand letter and specimen employment contract at the time of obtaining emigration clearance. However, those persons who seek emigration clearance through registered Recruiting Agents are required to furnish the said documents.

(b) to (d): Orders have been issued on 03.12.2003 withdrawing w.e.f. 25.12.2003 the requirement of depositing one way economy class airfare by individuals seeking emigration clearance for employment abroad.